

Brick kilns in Delhi

4326. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI:

SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of brick kilns in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) the number of workers employed therein;

(c) the labour-laws applicable there for social security of the workers;

(d) whether the acts like Employees Insurance Scheme and Provident Fund have not been implemented so far by the management, in case of the said workers;

(e) if so, the time by which these acts are likely to be implemented;

(f) whether owners of the brick kilns are exploiting child labour; and

(g) if so, the preventive steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) 300.

(b) 25,000 approximately.

(c) 1. Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970;

2. Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and conditions of Services) Act, 1979; and

3. Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

(d) and (e) The Employees Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is, at present, applicable to Brick Kilns employing twenty

or more persons after three years of their setting up. All Brick Kilns satisfying these requirements are legally required to implement the provisions of the Act. Employees State Insurance Act, 1948 is applicable to factories run with power and employing ten or more persons and factories run without power and employing twenty or more persons. The Brick Kilns, falling in this category and located in the area where the ESI Scheme has been implemented, are also legally required to implement the Act. The EPF and ESI authorities are taking all steps to ensure that the two Acts are implemented by all the Brick Kilns, which are legally coverable.

(f) During the course of inspections at the brick kilns no child labour has been found working. Further no complaint in respect of employment of child labour and their exploitation has been launched with the concerned authorities.

(g) Does not arise.

[English]

Centre for treatment of Asthama

4327. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special centres for treatment of Asthama has been set up in the country during July, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to set up more centres in the country, especially in Sikkim; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) There is

no such centre under the Central Government and there is no such proposal under its consideration.

Pollution by Industries

4328. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to check the polluting activities of some industries, the Government propose to initiate any legislation to incorporate civil liability in case of environmental damage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have not yet been finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement in the condition of Minorities

4329. SHRI LALJAN BASHA S.M.: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee to prescribe methods and measures to improve the conditions of minorities was constituted by the Government;

(b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the said committee?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d) The Government had constituted a High Power Panel in May, 1980

inter-alia, to ascertain if the benefits of various fiscal policies of the Central and State Governments really reach the minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of the society. The Committee was also required to suggest ways and means to improve their economic conditions. The Report on Minorities submitted by the Panel in May, 1983 was tabled in Lok Sabha on 27th August, 1990. The Government, after considering the recommendations had indicated its stand on the recommendations in the statement laid along with the Report.

Housing Schemes of Orissa

4330. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for different Urban Housing Schemes of Orissa are pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) the time by which the said schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNA CHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Cases registered under protection of civil rights act

4331. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered under the Protection of Civil Rights Act in various States and Union Territories during last three years;

(b) the number of cases in which challan were filed in the courts and those convicted therein; and